Syracuse, Mar 10.
1865.

My dear Cousin.

I returned last evening from Albany, whither I went on Tuesday to plead with a Committee of the Legislature for a law, ordering an equitable division of the lands of our Onondaga Indians, which are now held at the will of their Chiefs an irresponsible aristocracy.

Yours of the 5th came during my absence, else it would have been answered sooner. I shall now have to decide this by Boston.

I am of the opinion that, under the circumstances, not having the means to sustain the Standard more than two or three months after the

close of the present volume, it had better be discontinued at that close. I shall be most sorry to part with it. It has been conducted, for the most part, admirably, and I have accounted it, on the whole, the best paper that has come to my table. But we cannot afford the expense of sustaining it another year.

The dear old Liberator has a prior right to live, so long as there shall be pro-slavery enough in the atmosphere of our country to keep it alive. The Liberator we must sustain until slavery is actually abolished — and therefore hasty engage Mr Garrison & Johnson for the conduct of a subscription

devoted to the maintenance
of the rights, and the im-
provement of the condition
of the newly freed, and of
the whole colored population
of our country. —
This is the view I now take
of the subject. Would that
I could be at your meet-
ing next Tuesday. —
I mean if possible to
be at the Annual meeting
in New York, and the
N. E. Convention in Boston.
I presided over the first
N. E. Convention in 1834 —
and I hope I shall be
permitted to attend the
Convention of 1865, which
I trust will be the last. —
I thank you, my dear
Cousin, for the affectionate
expressions in your letter.

There are few persons in the world whom I love so much as I do you, and it allways delights me to be assured that my love is reciprocated.

I am glad to know from you that my letter to the excellent women, who have helped us so mightily, was grateful to them. I need not tell you that it came from the core of my heart —

Remember me & mine most affectionately to your wife, children, father, mother, brothers & sisters.

Most heartily yours

Samuel J. May

Rev Saml. May Jr. —

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